



● Beyond Discipline: From Compliance to Community

This workshop is the first in AED's "Understanding Student Behavior and Classroom Management in the Middle Grades" series. Staff from AED partner schools and students in Bank Street College of Education's Middle Grades and Leadership programs may attend.

For more information on the series, check the www.middlestart.org website.



About Alfie Kohn

Alfie Kohn is the author of eleven books on education, parenting, and human behavior, including *PUNISHED BY REWARDS* (1993), *BEYOND DISCIPLINE* (1996), *THE SCHOOLS OUR CHILDREN DESERVE* (1999), *UNCONDITIONAL PARENTING* (2005), and *THE HOMEWORK MYTH* (2006).

He has written for most of the leading education periodicals and has appeared twice on "Oprah." *Time* magazine described him as "perhaps the country's most outspoken critic of education's fixation on grades [and] test scores." He lives (actually) in the Boston area and (virtually) at www.alfiekohn.org.

About the Workshop

Perhaps the most basic choice for educators is whether to do things to students or to work with them. "Doing to" techniques include punitive consequences as well as rewards (including "positive reinforcement"). Unfortunately, this approach turns out to be ineffective in the long run and may even undermine students' interest in learning, their concern for others, and their capacity to take responsibility.

By contrast, a "working with" approach building on what we know about young adolescent development involves the creation of a caring classroom community in which students actively participate in making decisions. The teacher's first question is not "How do I control these kids?" but "What do these kids need – and how can I meet those needs?"

Working with renowned educational thinker Alfie Kohn, workshop participants will learn how to develop the mindsets and strategies for building communities of engaged and invested students.

Logistics

- **Tuesday, September 22, 2009**
- **4:00 – 6:30 pm** (refreshments will be served after the event)
- **Lighthouse International Conference Center and Theater** (111 East 59th Street, New York, NY 10022)

To Register

Contact Aurelia Enache at 212-367-4575 or via email at auenache@aed.org. Register early; space is limited!



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